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In re Application of :
Ayad Abdul-Ahad and Dietmar Gross :
Application No. 10/815,342 : **DECISION GRANTING STATUS**
Filed: April 1, 2004 : **UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)**
Attorney Docket Number: 53208AUSM1 :
Title of Invention: HIGHER-DOSES OF :
INTERFERON-BETA FOR TREATMENT OF :
MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS :

This is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed December 2, 2004.

The petition is GRANTED.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application after having been presented with the application papers. The petition has provided evidence that correspondence sent to non-signing inventor was received and non-signing inventor refused to execute the application papers.


The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The Office acknowledges receipt of the ADS submitted with the instant renewed petition.

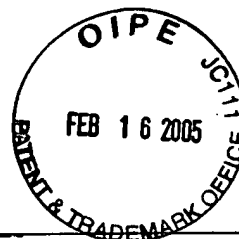
This application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3215.


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LETTER

Dear Mr. Abdul-Ahad:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above-identified United States patent application filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost as per 37 C.F.R. § 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, applicant (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Petitions Attorney Charlema R. Grant at (571) 272-3215. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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